

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

MATTHEW HAZEL

Criminal No. 2021-23

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY**

The defendant, by consent, appeared before me on August 18, 2022, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, LRCr 1.2. and LRCi 72.3, and has entered a plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 6 of the Indictment. Count 1 charges a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(ii). Count 6 charges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(5).

After cautioning and examining the defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, I determined that the guilty plea was made knowingly and voluntarily as to each count, and that the offenses charged were supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of such offenses. I therefore recommend that the plea of guilty be accepted and that the defendant be adjudged guilty and have sentence imposed accordingly.

Dated: August 18, 2022



**RUTH MILLER**

United States Magistrate Judge

**NOTICE**

Failure to file written objections to the Report and Recommendation within fourteen (14) days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such Report and Recommendation before the assigned United States District Judge, 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(B), LRCi. 72.3, 72.4.